

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated July 20, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1 and 15 are hereby amended; no claims are hereby canceled; no claims are hereby added. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 15 may be found at least at Applicants' Figure 2, [0044] and Specification at page 9. It is respectfully noted that the amendments to claims 1 and 15 should reasonably have been expected to be claimed. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the next action on the merits must be Non-Final. MPEP §706.07(a) instructs, "A second or any subsequent action on the merits in any application or patent involved in reexamination proceedings should not be made final if it includes a rejection, on prior art not of record, of any claim amended to include limitations which should reasonably have been expected to be claimed." See MPEP § 904 *et seq.* The Examiner has already searched 349/141 concerning in-plane switching devices. See EAST Search History dated July 12-14, 2006. Thus, the Examiner should have reasonably expected the amendments to claims 1 and 15. Accordingly, claims 1-28 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the Specification because the Examiner alleges that the title of the invention is not descriptive (Office Action at page 2). Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the title. The title is believed to be descriptive enough and no further amendments to the title are hereby made. Withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-20, 22-25 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,333,769 B1 (to Suzuki et al.)(hereinafter "Suzuki") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,411,351 B1 (to Zhang et al.)(hereinafter "Zhang"). Claims 7, 12, 21 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Zhang and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,686,976 (to Nishikawa)(hereinafter "Nishikawa").

The rejection of claims 1-14 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-14 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recite a combination of elements including, for example, “a substrate of an in-plane switching liquid crystal display device having a display part and a non-display part; a gate line on the substrate; a common line substantially parallel to the gate line; a data line crossing the gate line and the common line while being insulated therefrom, to define a pixel area; and at least one capacitor in the non-display part and connected to at least one of the gate line, the common line and the data line for storing a remaining component of the display part and eliminating the stored component.” None of the cited references including Suzuki and Zhang, singly or in any combination, teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention. Applicants assert that Zhang is not drawn to an in-plane switching liquid crystal display device. Accordingly, it would not be obvious to combine the in-plane structure of Suzuki with the non in-plane structure of Zhang because Suzuki and Zhang involve fundamentally different structures. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the instant rejections. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 and claims 2-14, which depend either directly or indirectly on claim 1, are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 15-28 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 15-28 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recite a combination of elements including, for example, “providing a substrate of an in-plane switching liquid crystal display device having a display part and a non-display part; forming a gate line on the substrate; forming a common line substantially parallel to the gate line; forming a data line crossing the gate line and the common line while being insulated therefrom, to define a pixel area; and forming at least one capacitor in the non-display part and connected to at least one of the gate line, the common line and the data line for storing a remaining component of the display part and eliminating the stored component.” None of the cited references including Suzuki and Zhang, singly or in any combination, teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention. Applicants assert that Zhang is not drawn to an in-plane switching liquid crystal display device. Accordingly, it would not be obvious to combine the in-plane structure of Suzuki with the non in-plane structure of Zhang because Suzuki and Zhang involve fundamentally different structures. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the instant rejections. Accordingly, Applicants submit that

claim 15 and claims 16-28, which depend either directly or indirectly on claim 15, are allowable over the cited references.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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